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The weather at Southampton remains contraiy so that the soldiers with Sir John Nomt> are unable to sail Upwards of one hundred men have run away, and though Sir John has written to the justices thereabout to apprehend them, yet such is the slender care found in them and in the constables and other officers charged to follow the hue and cry that not a man has been returned They are received into houses in the country, and helped to convey themselves and their furniture away Sir John hath asked the Council that one hundred men may be pressed in Hampshire to fill up their places and to give the county better minds than to hinder the soldiers and assist them to escape

Not finding sufficient shipping at Southampton, Sir John wrote to the Mayor of Poole, who showed himself very willing, charging the masters and owners of some suitable shipping in the road to put themselves in readiness , but they disobediently and contemptuously took down their masts and rigging, using very bad language and threatening revenge For this the Mayor has committed them

zist October A PROCLAMATION CONCERNING THE PLAGUE

A proclamation is published that, as the infection in London and Westminster is but little abated, the remainder of the term is adjourned to Hertford, and all with causes or suits in the Courts of Chancery, Starchamber, Exchequer, Wards and Liveries, the Duchy of Lancaster or Court of Requests to proceed thither.

Further if there should be any access at the Castle or Town of Hertford of those that have the plague m their houses or have been infected with it, there may ensue great evil

and damage to the rest of the realm It is commanded that no persons who have had the plague m their houses or have been infected themselves since the ist of July shall repair to the town of Hertford unless summoned by special process for their personal appearance

Any one so summoned shall openly notify by some message his state to those appointed by the Lord Keeper of the Great Seal to keep the gates If the party then be ordered to come into the town or castle, to bear in his hand, upright to be seen, one red rod of the length of a yard or more